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Salt the Railroad Track.

Baltimore, Jan. 31, 1871.—*Dr. J. B. Johnson.*—Dear Sir:—The City Passenger Railway Co., of this city, have been salting that portion of the street occupied by their track which now is on the ground. The snow soon melts and disappears, leaving no inconvenience, excepting for a short time, a slushy condition of the streets. The salting of the track in opening the way through the streets has its many advantages, enabling the cars to run &c. On the other hand, a number of persons want the salting prohibited on the ground of injury done to persons and animals, producing in the one, cold, catarrh, pneumonia, &c. and in the other, disease of the skin and decay of the hoofs. Pro and con have friends sustained by medical opinion that there is injury and no injury; and I want you to oblige me with your opinion, carefully expressed, as I wish to lay it before the council. I received your article on Hydrophobia. It came opportunely, as our Health Commissioner was then dissuading on the subject. I have his thanks for you as it enabled him to make, in his report, some valuable suggestions to the council.

Respectfully, J. B. JOHNSON.
To Jas. G. Johnson, Esq., Member of Baltimore City Council.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter asking my professional opinion on the subject of salting the City Railway Track; and whether or not, as a sanitary measure, it ought to be prohibited by the City Council?
Salt is a compound of Chlorine and Sodium, and is known in chemistry as the Chloride of Sodium.

Snow is vapour solidified by cold, and when liquified is a compound of oxygen and hydrogen. When salt and snow are united, chemical action immediately commences, which results in the production of a liquid—salt water—which, in chemistry, would be known as hydrated chloride of sodium.

This explanation will convince you that there is nothing whatever noxious or injurious in what may be called the chemistry of the practice, and that the atmosphere can be in nowise materially impaired by the action of the salt upon the snow and ice. The enquiry then arises: To what extent is salting the railway track, for the purpose of removing the snow from it, a local or exciting cause of disease? If the snow is removed by the salt in a few days, no injury to the health of either man or beast, will be sustained. The only injury which may accrue to man from a slushy condition of the streets thus produced, is that which may arise at any time from wet feet, or from the feet being exposed to moisture in a condition not sufficiently protected by proper shoes, or by the individual neglecting to dry his feet after the cessation of the exercise during which the feet became wet. The sudden melting of the snow increases the process of evaporation, and this evaporation augments the watery portions of the atmosphere, and consequently adds much to its humidity. But, fortunately, this humidity is effected at the auspicious time when the surrounding or neighboring air is in the best possible condition to receive, and neutralize it. Hence, artificially humid air is not, and cannot be, as injurious to the animal economy, as that produced by a naturally rapid melting of the snow. Natural causes of disease are always more potent than artificial; for all morbid, or noxious agents have for the basis of their power to make many persons ill at the same time with a specific sickness, a hidden and unknown agency to influence. Immediately after a snow storm, one of two conditions of temperature, usually ensues. The weather either becomes mild enough to melt the snow, or much colder than before or during the fall of the snow. If the weather is mild enough to produce a thaw, no injury can occur to man by hastening the operation with the aid of salt; if too cold to thaw, then the atmosphere is in the most propitious state to take up, and carry off, the humidity produced by forced evaporation. Heat and moisture combined with septic agents are considered as indispensable necessary to the production of cholera, but still these very causes may be present in abundance, and frequently are, and yet no cholera appears in the absence of that occult medium which vitalizes, as it were, noxious agents and sets them to the work of the production of epidemics.

Again, a northeastern wind accompanied with cold and damp air is most prolific of catarrh, influenza, and pneumonia, and yet we may have the presence of all of these exciting or predisposing causes of disease and still no epidemic of either disorder will afflict the people. Therefore, that power which makes a sickly season, and is deeply hidden from the action of human intelligence, and you may rest assured that the practice of melting snow with salt has no more effect upon the human organism than wet weather will at any time produce, and the more rapidly the snow is made to disappear, the greater will be the individual immunity from the evil effects of the natural melting of it. To the horse no injury, whatever, can directly arise. The application of long continued moisture to the feet of the horse, will produce softening of the horn, and if kept up for many days in succession, will result in temporary tenderness of the feet, but not in lameness, and the only evil of this moisture is chapped heels, and grease or scratches, which are not only easily cured, but may be readily prevented by the groom, if he will thoroughly dry the feet and legs of the horse before putting him up for the night. All horse city horses suffer with fever in their feet, caused by the contact of dirt, and nothing relieves this condition so soon as having the horse stand in very cold water for many hours on the day. Therefore, you see, the use of slushy streets, for the exposure or subjection of the hoofs to moisture thus produced, does not, and cannot, last long enough to do any harm, and is frequently used in stable medicine as an ingredient for stopping for diseased feet of horses.

Yours most respectfully,
J. B. JOHNSON, M. D.
ALEXANDRIA, VA., Feb. 7th, 1871.

Piano Covers.
A few of those real Cloth Embroidered with silk. Also Stamped or Embossed Piano Covers. Very cheap. (Feb 5)

THE LOUDON HOTEL.
LEESBURG, VA.
Will be opened for public entertainment on MONDAY, January 9, 1871.

The undersigned takes pleasure in assuring the public that this house will be conducted in the best manner. The rooms will be comfortably and neatly furnished, and the table will be kept constantly supplied with the best market afford.

The BAR will be supplied with the choicest WINES and LIQUORS.
He asks a liberal share of public patronage.
A. C. TRUNDLE, Leesburg, Va.

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DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.
The symptoms of Liver Complaint are uneasiness and pain in the side. Sometimes the pain is in the shoulder, and is mistaken for rheumatism. The stomach is affected with loss of appetite and sickness, bowels in general constipated, sometimes alternating with laxity. It has been used by hundreds, and known for the last 40 years as one of the most reliable, efficacious and harmless preparations ever offered to the suffering. It taken regularly and persistently, it is sure to cure.

DR. SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR.
A preparation of roots and herbs, warranted to be strictly vegetable, and can do no injury to any one.

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The head is troubled with pain, and dull, heavy sensation, considerable loss of memory, accompanied with painful sensation of having left undone something which ought to have been done. Often complaining of weakness, debility and low spirits. Sometimes many of the above symptoms attend the disease, and at other times very few of them; but the liver is generally the organ most involved. Cure the liver with

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These bonds are secured, first, by a First Mortgage on the Railroad itself, its rolling stock, and all equipments; second, by a First Mortgage on its entire Land Grant, being more than Twenty-Two Thousand Acres of Land to each mile of Road.

The Bonds are free from United States tax; the Principal and Interest are payable Gold; the Principal at the end of Thirty years, and the Interest Semi-annually, at the rate of SEVEN AND THREE-TEENTHS PER CENT. per annum.

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The Trustees under the Mortgage are Messrs. Jay Cooke, of Philadelphia, and J. Edgar Thomson, President of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company.

These Northern Pacific 7-30 Bonds will, at all times before maturity, be receivable at TEN PER CENT. PREMIUM (or 110) in exchange for the Company's lands at their lowest cash price.

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HOW TO GET THEM.—Your nearest Bank or Broker will supply these bonds in any desired amount, and of any needed denomination. Persons wishing to exchange stocks or other bonds for these, can do so with any of our agents, who will allow the highest current price for ALL MARKETABLE SECURITIES.

Those living in localities remote from Banks may send money, or other bonds, directly to us by express, and we will send back Northern Pacific bonds at our own risk, and without cost to the investor. For further information, pamphlets, maps, etc., call on or address the undersigned, or any of the Banks or Brokers employed to sell this loan.

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A large and fine stock always on hand. Jan 25

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Wanted, in exchange for Furniture, Walnut, Poplar, Oak, Maple, Birch and Cedar Logs.

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Looking Glasses, Hair, Cotton Top and Husk Mattresses, kept constantly on hand and made to order at reasonable prices. sep 30-41

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Dealers in HARDWARE, CUTLERY, Carpenters' Tools, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Door and Window Frames, Brackets, Mouldings, Balusters, of different patterns, and Newell Posts. A large stock of French and American Glass, double and single thick, of all sizes. Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Paint and White Wash Brushes, Lewis' Pure White Lead, and other brands of fine quality. Putty, Turpentine and Machine Oil. Also, a stock of superior quality Cement, Calceined Plaster, Pitch and Felt for Roofing, &c. A large stock of Pugh's celebrated Car Augers, and other articles found in first class Builders' Furnishing establishments. All orders for Lumber, Brick, and all kinds of Building Material, promptly attended to. Terms cash. feb 11-41

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PLANING MILLS, SASH, DOOR & BLIND FACTORY.
Nos. 27 and 29 North Water street.
Dealers in
DRESSED FLOORING AND WHITE PINE LUMBER.
JOHN R. LAMBDIN, Supt.
Jan 2

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VIRGINIA SASH, DOOR AND FRAME FACTORY.
CORNER QUEEN AND FAIRFAX STREETS,
Alexandria, Virginia.

We have now made up 500 doors of all sizes, from \$2 to \$10; 600 Windows of Sash, glazed and unglazed, cheap; 200 pairs blinds, all sizes; 10,000 feet Mouldings, 40 different patterns. Will make at short notice Window and Door Frames, Brackets, &c., Newell's, Balusters and Hydrants constantly on hand. Liberal discounts made to dealers.

Being practical mechanics ourselves, we feel confident that we can please our customers. Planing, Tongue and Grooving, Sawing, Turning and Scroll-sawing done in the best manner. Plans and specifications furnished to parties contracting with us for building materials.

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mar 2

JUST RECEIVED.
100 lbs prime New Orleans Sugar.
50 sacks Rio, Java, Old Government and Langusta Coffee.
25 boxes New York Factory Cheese.
50 lbs choice New Orleans Molasses.
50 lbs New York Buckwheat Flour.
50 lbs New York Raisins.
Fine new crop Teas, Tobacco, Cigars, &c., offered at lowest market rates for cash.
Jan 6
R. M. LAWSON.

FOR SEWING MACHINES.—Karr's patent Needle Setters, adapted for all Sewing Machines. This is a very desirable instrument, and no Sewing Machine can be said to be perfect without it. Price \$1 each. We are the exclusive agents for Alexandria, very cheap, at
Jan 12
E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Having taken out letters of administration upon the estate of the late **JAMES HILTON**, this is to give notice that all debtors and creditors of the deceased must settle their claims with me.
C. O'NEAL, Sheriff,
Office No. 12 South Royal st.
dec 16-41

201 AUGUSTUS WALL.
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
HAY, GRAIN, STRAW AND MILL FEED.
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nov 10-41

STOCKINGS.
We are closing out a lot of superior Iron-framed Cotton Hosiery, Ladies' Lambs' Wool Hosiery; Children's and Misses' Hosiery, all sizes and kinds; Ladies' Merino Underwear, very cheap, at
Jan 17
ROBERT L. WOOD.

DRESS GOODS.
Mouslins, Alpacaes and Merinos will be sold at bargain prices. Just opened, Calicoes, Brown and Bleached Cottons, very cheap. I invite all to call.
Jan 20
WM. N. BERKLEY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That application will be made to the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad Company for the renewal of certificate No. 68 for forty-one shares of Lynchburg Extension stock—and certificate having been lost or mislaid.
Jan 18-41
W. D. HART.

PARACELSUS.—Dr. Backett's Paracelsus, a certain cure for Corns and Bunions. Just received and for sale by
Jan 7
WARFIELD & HALL.

CORNS AND BUNIONS.—Dr. Backett's Paracelsus cures Corns and Bunions, for sale by
Jan 9
WARFIELD & HALL.

BEANS.—100 lbs White Beans received today by
Jan 27
J. C. MILBURN.

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WM. COGAN.
No. 15 North Royal street,
Has constantly on hand a large and complete assortment of
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